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FOR ZINMAN, TREASURY AND CROWE, STATE

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TAGS: EFIN, PK

SUB: TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

REF: A. STATE 279954, B ISLAMABAD 11834

1. WE HAVE COMMUNICATED TO THE GOVERNMENT YOUR DECISION NOT TO ATTEMPT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED FOR VISIT TO LARKANA. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET WITH THE DELEGATION. IN DOING SO HE HAS SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY OF GROUP MEETING WITH AZIZ AHMED, MIN OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS WITH FINANCIAL OFFICIALS INCLUDING MINISTER OF FINANCE AND SECRETARY GENERAL FOR FINANCE AND COORDINATION KAZI. AT THE TIME OF DESPATCHING THIS MESSAGE WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENT INVOLVING THESE TWO BUT WE WILL BE WORKING ON THIS.

2. BRIEFING WILL BE ARRANGED PER PARA 2, REFTEL A.

3. ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR A GROUP TO VISIT MANGLA DAM. PROPOSE DEPARTURE 0830 AND RETURN 1500, WITH LUNCH AT MANGLA. PLEASE ADVISE NUMBER TO BE ACCOMMODATED.

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4. PER PARA 4, REFTEL A, DAWOOD HERCULES VISIT IS FEASIBLE.

SITUATION DESCRIBED PARA 4, REFTEL B, IS STEADILY IMPROVING. WE ARE WORKING ON BUS TRIP TO SEE LINK CANAL AND AREA OF SMALL FARMS TO TAKE PLACE AFTER D-H PLANT VISIT AND LUNCH, WE HAVE CHECKED WITH IBRD RESREP ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROJECT, HE REPORTS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE LAHORE WAS ONE OF SIX IN COUNTRY EACH OF WHICH RECEIVED EQUIPMENT VALUED AT ABOVE '300,000. RPT DOLS300,000. DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE PROFITABLE VISIT. ONE OF THE ADB-PICIC RICE MILLING SUB-PROJECT SITES IS LOCATED NEAR THE D-H PLANT. HOWEVER NOTHING VISIBLE SINCE CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT STARTED. TIME CONSTRAINTS AND DISTANCES WOULD MAKE VISITS TO OTHER THAN D-H AND LINK CANAL/FARM AREA DIFFICULT UNLESS GROUP WISHES TO SPLIT UP.

5. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OUTLINED BELOW IS MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULE SUGGESTED REFTEL B. WOULD APPRECIATE REACTION ASAP. GOP OFFICIALS ON OFFICIAL HOLIDAY DEC 25-26 BUT PRESUME MANY SENIOR OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE MUST DEAL WILL BE OUT OF OFFICE UNTIL DEC 30. AT THAT TIME WE NEED TO MAKE FINAL PLANS WITH GOP:

SATURDAY, JAN 4

2100 ARRIVE ISLAMABAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
2130 ARRIVE HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL
2200 BRIEFING

SUNDAY JAN 5

GROUP I

0800 DEPART FOR TARBELA DAM BY BUS
0930 ARRIVE TARBELA
0930-1130 BRIEFING AND SITE VISIT
1130-1300 LUNCH AT TARBELA
1300 DEPART FOR RAWALPINDI VIA BUS - VISIT VILLAGE ENROUTE
1600 ARRIVE RAWALPINDI, HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL

GROUP II

0830 DEPART FOR MANGLA DAM BY BUS
1030 ARRIVE AT MANGLA DAM
1030-1200 BRIEFING AND SITE VISIT
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1200-1300 LUNCH AT MANGLA DAM
1300 DEPART FOR RAWALPINDI BY US
1500 ARRIVE RAWALPINDI, HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL

GROUP I AND II

2000 DINNER AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR
AND MRS. BYROADE

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

0800 GARDNER MEETING WITH FINANCE MINISTER
0930 DEPART RAWALPINDI FOR LAHORE
1000 ARRIVE LAHORE
1015 DEPART FOR DAWOOD-HERCULES FERTILIZER PLANT
1115 ARRIVE AT D-H FERTILIZER PLANT
1115-1215 TOUR OF FERTILIZER PLANT
1215-1315 LUNCH AT FERTILIZER PLANT
1315 DEPART FOR LAHORE BY BUS - VISIT LINK CANAL,
FARM AREA.
1600 ARRIVE LAHORE AIRPORT
1630 DEPART LAHORE FOR NEW DELHI.

6. ASSUMPTION CORRECT THAT NO GIFTS WILL BE EXCHANGED.
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